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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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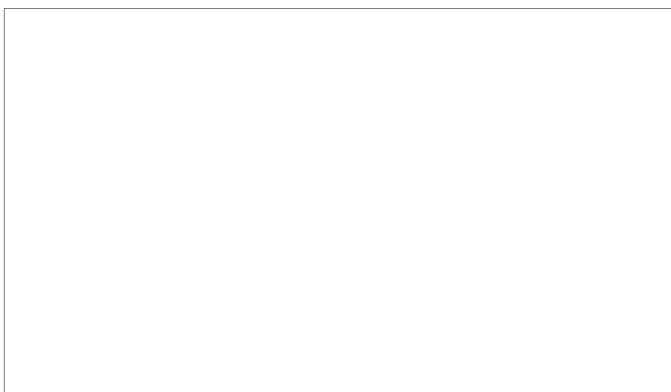
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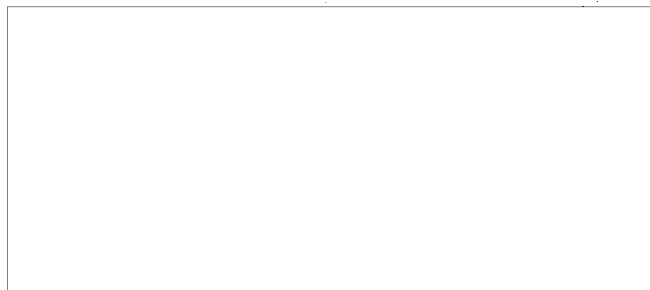
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LIBYA-GREECE

Two Greek ships have triggered mines off the Libyan coast near Tripoli in the last few days, apparently with no loss of life. The Greek Government has not reacted officially and indeed might originally have hoped to play down the incidents; government officials ascribed the first explosion to a mine left over from World War II.



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LIBYA

Strains within the ruling Revolutionary Command Council have again intensified. The issues are unclear, but seem to center on the positions to be given Libyan officials after the merger with Egypt, as well as the post-September role of Qadhafi's "cultural revolution."

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[redacted] Sadat [redacted] concerned over the erratic behavior of the Libyan leadership and the possible disruptive impact of the cultural revolution on a merged state; his reservations probably precipitated heated debate within the RCC.

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As a result of the dispute, the temperamental Qadhafi apparently threatened to resign last week.

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[redacted] meanwhile the Egyptian press is depicting the visit as a normal step in the preparations for union.

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*In the past, Qadhafi has effectively used the threat of resignation to influence the RCC, and this ploy seems to be working again.*

[redacted] and the Libyan press has made sentimental appeals to Qadhafi as the "only leader."

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**URUGUAY**

President Bordaberry, supported by key military officers, apparently dissolved congress last night and plans to establish a junta of civilians and military officers.

*Bordaberry's move followed the legislature's refusal to lift the congressional immunity of leftist Senator Enrique Erro so that he could be tried for collaborating with the Tupamaro guerrillas.*

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*The military may face a challenge from the Communist-controlled National Convention of Workers, Uruguay's principal labor organization, which has been threatening a nationwide strike should congress be closed.*

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NOTES

USSR-Japan: Even though the Soviets have signed a preliminary agreement with US firms, they are encouraging the Japanese to stay in the bidding for participation in the Yakutsk natural gas project. The Soviets have even said that the Japanese would have the opportunity to approve the choice of US firms to be involved in the project. Moscow's aim is to encourage competition between the US and Japan, thus strengthening the Soviet bargaining position once detailed negotiations with US firms begin. Although the Soviets consider Japanese involvement in the project useful, US technical know-how is critical to its success.

Argentina: The government apparently plans a determined drive to suppress extremism both within and outside the Peronist movement. President Hector Campora, clearly reflecting Peron's instructions, has warned guerrilla groups that violence will not be tolerated. Those who have occupied government offices will be evicted. Meanwhile, there is no sign of a stand-down in violence. So far this week, terrorists have assassinated a former Peronist congressman and kidnaped eight people including an Italian banker and an Argentine business executive.

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